

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of:

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For: MAGNETIC BEARING CONTROLLER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 3, 2002

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the Abstract of the Disclosure as shown on a separate page attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Delete claims 1-4.

Add new claims 5-10 as follows:

5. A method for controlling a magnetic bearing device comprising:

detecting a position of a levitated body by a status detector unit, which uses a modulated
signal of a certain fundamental frequency;

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